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**WIRELINE COMPETITION BUREAU SEEKS COMMENT ON
THE PETITION OF THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION AND OF
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR AUTHORITY TO
IMPLEMENT SPECIALIZED OVERLAY AREA CODES**

CC Docket No. 99-200

Comment Date: November 17, 2003
Reply Comment date: December 2, 2003

In this Notice, the Wireline Competition Bureau seeks comment on the October 6, 2003 petition filed by the California Public Utilities Commission and the People of the State of California (the Petitioners) for authority to implement two specialized overlay area codes (SOs) that would cover the entire state of California.¹ Specifically, the Petitioners propose to place in the SOs all future, and possibly some current, “transparent” or “non-geographic based” numbers.² As part of their proposal, the Petitioners also seek authority to implement a permanent seven-digit dialing requirement in the proposed SOs.³

We invite comment on this petition. Commenting parties should specifically assess how the Petitioners address the criteria set forth by the Commission when it allowed state commissions to seek authority to implement SOs on a case-by-case basis.⁴ Pursuant to applicable procedures set forth in sections 1.415 and 1.419 of the Commission’s rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments on or before **November 17, 2003**, and

¹ *The California Public Utilities Commission and the People of the State of California Petition for Authority to Implement Specialized Overlay Area Codes*, filed October 6, 2003 (Petition).

² Petition at 2, 5-6. The Petitioners state that numbers for “cellular services” will not be included in the proposed SOs. *Id.* at 2.

³ *Id.* at 7. According to the Petitioners, this request is required to be made pursuant to California Public Utilities Code § 7943(b). *Id.*

⁴ See *Numbering Resource Optimization*, Third Report and Order and Second Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 96-98 and CC Docket No. 99-200, 17 FCC Rcd 252, 282-294, ¶¶ 67-94 (2001).

reply comments on or before **December 2, 2003**. Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS) or by filing paper copies.⁵

Comments filed through the ECFS can be sent as an electronic file via the Internet to <<http://www.fcc.gov/e-file/ecfs.html>>. Generally, only one copy of an electronic submission must be filed. If multiple docket or rulemaking numbers appear in the caption of this proceeding, however, commenters must transmit one electronic copy of the comments to each docket or rulemaking number referenced in the caption. In completing the transmittal screen, commenters should include their full name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, and the applicable docket or rulemaking number. Parties may also submit an electronic comment by Internet e-mail. To get filing instructions for e-mail comments, commenters should send an e-mail to <ecfs@fcc.gov>, and should include the following words in the body of the message, "get form <your e-mail address>." A sample form and directions will be sent in reply.

Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and four copies of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, commenters must submit two additional copies for each additional docket or rulemaking number. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail (although we continue to experience delays in receiving U.S. Postal Service mail). The Commission's contractor, Natek, Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

Parties also must send three paper copies of their filing to Sheryl Todd, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, SW, Room 5-B540, Washington, DC 20554. In addition, commenters must send diskette copies to the Commission's copy contractor, Qualex International, Portals II, 445 12th Street, SW, Room CY-B402, Washington, DC 20054.

Pursuant to section 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206, this proceeding will be conducted as a permit-but-disclose proceeding in which *ex parte* communications are permitted subject to disclosure.

For further information, contact Scott A. Mackoul, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau at 202-418-7498 or Scott.Mackoul@fcc.gov. The TTY number is 202-418-0484.

⁵ See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 Fed. Reg. 24121 (1998).